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SUBJECT: ABD AL MUNIM AL RIFAI'S VIEWS ON JORDAN/

PALESTINIAN RELATIONS

1. ABD AL-MUNIM AL RIFAI, PRIME MINISTER'S UNCLE AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ADVISOR TO KING, MET WITH ME FOR AN HOUR TODAY IN GENERAL DISCUSSION. ONE SCHOOL OF THOUGHT HERE HOLDS HIS VIEWS AS INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ON BASIS KING MORE AND MORE LISTENS TO HIM.
2. WHILE OUR DISCUSSION TURNED UP LITTLE NEW ON JORDANIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD DISENGAGEMENT (RIFAI SUPPORTS AND PROBABLY HELPED DEVELOP MAY 1 GENERAL LINE COVERED IN KING'S SPEECH) ONE INCIDENT IS OF INTEREST.
3. ON KING'S TRIP TO MOROCCO, KING HASSAN PUSHED HARD

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FOR JORDAN TO BOW OUT OF NEGOTIATION IN FAVOR OF PLO.

HUSSEIN RESISTED AND HASSAN SOUGHT OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP HIS IDEAS FOR RIFAI WHO ACCOMPANIED KING. RIFAI REAFFIRMED JORDANIAN INTENTIONS TO HOLD ON TO "RESPONSIBILITY" FOR NEGOTIATING RETURN OF WEST BANK. HASSAN SAID HE HAD GREAT INFLUENCE WITH PLO THROUGH CONTACTS AND MONEY WHICH HE PROVIDES THEM AND ASKED RIFAI WHAT HE SHOULD DO. RIFAI CONSELED HASSAN TO ADVISE PLO TO CONCERT WITH JORDAN IN EFFORT TO NEGOTIATE RETURN.

4. RIFAI SAYS HE BELIEVES IT MOST IMPORTANT FOR JORDAN TO HAVE BEGUN PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION BEFORE TALKING WITH PLO. PRESSURE ON JORDAN WILL BE GREATEST IN SHORT TERM AT TIME OF RABAT ARAB SUMMIT, NOW PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER, AND FOR WHICH ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL HOLD PRELIMINARY SESSION IN AUGUST. HE URGED THAT US DO WHATEVER IT CAN TO SEE THAT JORDAN IS ENGAGED BY THAT TIME SO THAT IT WILL BE STRENGTHENED IN DEALING WITH SUMMIT PRESSURES FROM HASSAN AND OTHERS TO DEAL WITH PLO.
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